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## PUBLIC INVITED TO WORKSHOPS TO HELP PLAN TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS THROUGH 2035

**WHO:** An ever-growing population equals ever-growing transportation needs. By 2035 there will be over 600,000 more people traveling in San Antonio and Bexar County greatly increasing our current congestion problems. To plan for this growing problem, the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is updating our long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Since public involvement is crucial to good planning, we are inviting the public to any one of five identical growth scenario workshops to plan for our transportation needs over the next 25 years.

**WHEN:** **Open House 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. | Workshop 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Scenario Workshop #1  
**Tuesday, February 17, 2009**  
Judson High School, Cafeteria  
9142 FM 78  
Converse, Texas 78109  
Scenario Workshop #2  
**Wednesday, February 18, 2009**  
South San High School, Cafeteria  
2515 Navajo Street  
San Antonio, Texas 78224  
Scenario Workshop #3  
**Tuesday, February 24, 2009**  
Leon Valley Community Center  
6427 Evers Road  
Leon Valley, Texas 78238

Scenario Workshop #4  
**Tuesday, March 3, 2009**  
St. Philip's College, Heritage Room  
1801 Martin Luther King Drive  
San Antonio, Texas 78203  
Scenario Workshop #5  
**Wednesday, March 4, 2009**  
VIA Metro Center, Community Room  
1021 San Pedro  
San Antonio, Texas 78212

**WHAT:** The MTP is a 25-year, long-range plan and the basic framework for all of the MPO's transportation planning. It is a blueprint for future transportation investments in the MPO planning area and guides the expenditure of federal, state, and local funds for these projects. The current plan, *Mobility 2030: San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Transportation Plan*, was approved in December 2004 and programs approximately \$8 billion dollars worth of transportation improvements through 2030.

**HOW:** The workshops will begin with an Open House that will provide information about the MPO and other partner agencies, the current plan, *Mobility 2030: San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Transportation Plan*, and the three alternative growth scenarios.

The workshops will consider how different types of land use affect our transportation system and ask participants “How do you want to see our area grow?” Scenarios being analyzed include:

- Current Development Trend Scenario – This scenario illustrates how continued urban growth, primarily outside of Loop 1604, will affect the transportation system.
- In-Fill Development Scenario – This scenario asks people to consider how our transportation system could be different if growth was encouraged inside of Loop 1604.
- Transit-Oriented Development Scenario – This scenario identifies potential high-capacity transit corridors throughout the city and how transit-oriented developments along these corridors could impact our transportation system.

**WHY:** The MPO is responsible for conducting the urban transportation planning process that the MPO planning area – which includes Bexar County and parts of Comal and Guadalupe Counties – needs to follow in order to receive approximately \$200 million annually in federal and state transportation funding. Transportation planning is important to everyone. As the population grows in the area, the MPO needs to ensure that the transportation system remains safe and efficient. The MPO gives the public an opportunity to identify future transportation needs to ensure that tax dollars are used for the greater good of the community.

For more information on the upcoming visioning workshops or the 2035 MTP update, please contact Linda Vela at (210) 785-0888 or Scott Ericksen at (210) 230-6902.